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Despatch 190 of January 11, 1951

PERIPHERAL: Alleged Activities of
Albanian Exiles with Respect to Albania

A source reportedly excellently placed to obtain information from Albanian political leaders in exile

1 has given the following information concerning the increased activity of the British, Yugoslavs and Italians together with Albanian political exiles in support of opposition to the Hoxha Cominform Communist regime in Albania. It is not possible to evaluate the information accurately from this vantage point. It will be noted, however, that despite the presence of supposition and rumor, the source gives the impression of a high degree of familiarity with Albanian personalities and affairs.

The source's report is in substance as follows; the parenthetical phrases are our amplifications:

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Internal Politics of Albanian Exiles: The most significant struggle among the Albanian exile groups is between the Balli Kombetar and the royalist Legaliteti, but it has slight repercussions within the Committee for Free Albania and is mostly carried on within Albania where both are active. The Committee considers Legaliteti conservative in its actions; this, however, is due to the fact that it orients itself more to future problems rather than present actions. It is rumored that (1) has a secret understanding with the (fascist-tainted) Bloku Kombetar Independent to take effect if, after the liberation of Albania, the (reportedly anti-monarchist) Balli Kombetar is dominant.

During November, 1950, most of the Albanian leaders in exile met in Rome to discuss a reorganization of the Committee for Free Albania. The results of the conference are not known. It is rumored that there was a request for the inclusion of moderates from Balli Kombetar and Bloku Kombetar Independent but that McLean through an intermediate opposed the inclusion of the latter. McLean also requested that Ndue GJONM-ARKAJ, one of the sons of a prince of Mirdita be brought in as a representative of an old Christian family of the region but not as a Party representative (he is reportedly a member of the Bloku Kombetar Independent). It was further expected that Said Bey KRYEZIU would be excluded in view of the "present attitude of Tito"; his brother, Gant, died in Yugoslavia under mysterious circumstances in August or September, 1950.

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Comment: The foregoing concludes the information given by this source. While we are not in a position to comment in detail, we note that the source's statement that it is "supposed" that the British accepted, presumably in toto, the alleged conditions put forward by Tito to McLean in 1949 seems illogical or inconsistent with other information he gives. First, the basis of this supposition is given as the "fact" that Tito agreed to assist Albanian refugees, to maintain intelligence channels and to send propaganda and some arms into Albania; as it seems evident that Tito would be disposed to do these things on his own account, it is difficult to regard them as concessions for which the British would make substantial commitments with regard to the future of Albania. Secondly, there is no evidence given that the Balli Kombetar has been reorganized on a "leftist basis" and taken on the name of the Albanian Agrarian Party, as desired by Tito. The source's information about this Party's activity in the intervening year seems to indicate that such an extensive reorganization has not yet taken place. The assumption that the British have committed themselves to these alleged terms thus does not seem to be substantiated by any solid evidence presented.

Our means of verifying other aspects of the report here are very limited, and perhaps further light can be shed by the Embassy in Belgrade or the peripheral units with the Embassies at Rome and Athens. With our limited means we have found no instance in which the information is at variance with the identity, political orientation or likely activity of the individuals specifically named. It is known here that Brigadier McLean has made a number of trips into Yugoslavia and seen Tito during the period covered (see our despatch 147 of November 24, 1950).

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